

# **Exhibit A**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DANA ABOUD, ALBERT SCHWEIZER,	:	
WILLIAM HICKS and MICHAEL	:	Case No. 14 Civ. 2712
POROWSKI,	:	
	:	<b>NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS</b>
Plaintiffs,	:	<b>ACTION AND OPPORTUNITY TO</b>
	:	<b>OPT IN, PROPOSED SETTLEMENT,</b>
vs.	:	<b>AND HEARING DATE FOR COURT</b>
	:	<b>APPROVAL</b>
CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	
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IF YOU WERE AN ASSOCIATE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT (“AFC”) OR INTERNATIONAL CDT FINANCIAL CONSULTANT (“INTL CDT-FC”) EMPLOYED BY CHARLES SCHWAB IN CALIFORNIA DURING CERTAIN TIME PERIODS, YOU MIGHT BE ENTITLED TO A PAYMENT FROM SETTLEMENT OF A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT, AS SET FORTH BELOW.

*A federal court has authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

Under the allocation formula created by the settlement, you are entitled to receive a share of the settlement reached in this case. The estimated amount you are entitled to receive is printed on the enclosed Consent to Join Settlement and Claim Form (“Claim Form”).

If you want to recover money from the settlement, you must mail a properly completed Claim Form to the Claims Administrator, postmarked no later than \_\_\_\_\_. You may also return the form to the Claims Administrator by fax or email no later than \_\_\_\_\_. If you do not return a timely Claim Form, the consequence is that you will receive no settlement payment, although you will still release certain state and federal law claims unless you exclude yourself from the settlement. Please read the rest of this Notice for more detailed instructions.

Neither Schwab nor Class Counsel makes any representations concerning tax consequences of this settlement or participation in it, and you are advised to seek your own personal tax advice prior to acting in response to this Notice.

Your legal rights may be affected. You have a choice to make now.

<b>Summary of Your Legal Rights and Options in this Settlement</b>	
<b>Do Nothing</b>	Do Nothing. Receive no payment. Release certain claims under state and federal law, but not Fair Labor Standards Act claims.
<b>Submit A Claim Form</b>	Submit a Claim Form. Receive a settlement payment. Release certain claims under state and federal law, including Fair Labor Standards Act claims.
<b>Exclude Yourself</b>	You may submit an Opt-Out Statement. If you submit an Opt-Out Statement, you will receive no money but will retain your rights to pursue both state and federal claims against Schwab in a separate lawsuit at your own expense. Please read Section IV.C. below for more detailed instructions.
<b>Object</b>	You may submit a written objection to the Court if you disagree with the proposed settlement. Please read Section IV.B. below for more detailed instructions.

A proposed settlement (“Settlement”) has been reached between the parties to this action. This action (defined below) alleges claims under both the federal Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA”) and various state wage and hour laws, and includes all persons who worked for Schwab in the position of AFC or Intl CDT-FC in California from November 7, 2009 to February 15, 2014 (the “Rule 23 Class” or the “Rule 23 Class Members”).

Persons who worked for Schwab in the position of AFC or Intl CDT-FC outside of California from November 7, 2010 to February 15, 2014; persons who worked for Schwab in the position of CDT-FC/BET-FC (“CDT-FC”) from November 7, 2010 to February 15, 2014; and persons who worked for Schwab in the position of AT Sales Specialist or Sr. AT Sales Specialist (“ATS”) from November 7, 2010 to February 28, 2011 (collectively, “Non-Rule 23 Class Members” or “Collective Members”) (together with Rule 23 Class Members, “Eligible Claimants”) are also part of the Settlement, but they are receiving a different notice.

The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement and conditionally certified the Rule 23 Class for purposes of the Settlement only. You have received this notice because Schwab’s records indicate that you are a member of the Rule 23 Class. This notice is designed to inform you that you can elect to receive a Settlement payment by submitting a Claim Form, object to the Settlement, elect to exclude yourself from the Settlement, or simply do nothing.

To receive your share of the Settlement, you must submit a valid and timely Claim Form. If you do not, then you will not receive your share of money paid out under the Settlement, but you will still be bound by the terms of the Settlement as to your state and non-FLSA federal law claims (but not your FLSA claims) if the settlement is granted final approval by the Court.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE CASE

Plaintiffs Dana Aboud, Albert Schweizer, William Hicks and Michael Porowski (“Plaintiffs”) filed a lawsuit on behalf of all individuals nationwide who were employed by Schwab as an AFC, CDT-FC, Intl CDT-FC, or ATS. Plaintiffs allege that Schwab failed to pay them and other Eligible Claimants for applicable overtime, including interest and penalties.

Plaintiffs also allege that Schwab violated certain state laws by not providing them meal and rest periods, itemized wage statements, and all monies due upon termination (the “Action”).

Schwab denies all of Plaintiffs’ material allegations in the Action. Specifically, Schwab denies that Plaintiffs or the Eligible Claimants are owed any compensation for overtime hours or meal or rest periods, or any related claims, or interest or penalties of any kind.

I. THIS SETTLEMENT IS NOT AN ADMISSION OF LIABILITY

The Settlement represents a compromise and settlement of highly disputed claims. Nothing in the Settlement is intended to or should be construed as an admission by Schwab that Plaintiffs’ claims in the Action have merit or that it has any liability to Plaintiffs or Eligible Claimants on those claims. Schwab vigorously denies all of Plaintiffs’ material allegations. Specifically, Schwab denies that Plaintiffs and Eligible Claimants are owed any compensation for alleged overtime hours, meal periods or rest periods, or any related claims, or interest or penalties of any kind.

Class Counsel have concluded that the Settlement is advantageous, considering the risks and uncertainties of continued litigation. Class Counsel have determined that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate and is in the best interests of the Eligible Claimants.

II. SUMMARY OF THE SETTLEMENT

A. Who is included in the Settlement?

You are included in the Settlement if you were employed by Schwab in the United States or its territories as an AFC, CDT-FC, Intl CDT-FC or ATS during the time periods set forth above.

B. Do I have a lawyer in this case?

The Court has appointed the lawyers at Outten & Golden LLP and the Shavitz Law Group, P.A., to represent you and all Eligible Claimants. These lawyers are “Class Counsel.” You do not need to retain your own attorney in order to participate as a Rule 23 Class Member. You may hire your own lawyer at your own expense.

Class Counsel are Justin M. Swartz and Jennifer L. Liu of Outten & Golden LLP and Gregg I. Shavitz of Shavitz Law Group, P.A. Class Counsel's contact information is listed at the end of this Notice at Section VII.

C. How do I receive a settlement payment?

If you wish to make a claim, then complete and sign the enclosed Claim Form, and email, fax, or postmark and mail it by \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 to the Schwab Claims Administrator, CPT Group.

D. What will I receive from the Settlement?

The total Settlement Sum is \$3,800,000.00. Subject to Court approval, certain Class Counsel attorneys' fees and expenses and other costs will be deducted from the total Settlement Sum, as described below. After such deductions, your share of the total Settlement Sum generally will be based on (1) the number of Compensable Work Weeks you worked during the applicable periods as an AFC, CDT-FC, Intl CDT-FC, or ATS. ("Compensable Work Weeks" means any week or portion of a week worked by you or other Eligible Claimants as an AFC, CDT-FC, Intl CDT-FC, or ATS, during the applicable time periods); and (2) the position(s) you held and the states and/or territories in which you were so employed. The weeks you worked during the applicable periods will be determined from Schwab's payroll records. Your number of work weeks is listed on the enclosed Claim Form. The Settlement Agreement contains the exact allocation formula. You may obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement by following the instructions on page 13.

The Settlement payments to Rule 23 Class Members are fifty-percent (50%) wages subject to IRS Form W-2 reporting and withholding of all applicable local, state and federal taxes, and fifty-percent (50%) alleged penalties and interest, subject to IRS Form 1099 reporting. Notwithstanding the treatment of the settlement amounts above, none of the payments called for by this Settlement, including the wage portion of the Settlement, are to be treated as earnings or wages for any purpose of any Schwab benefit plan.

E. When will I receive my Settlement payment?

The Settlement payments will be paid after final Court approval of the Settlement and after all rights to appeal or review are exhausted or any appeal or review has been resolved in favor of the Settlement. It is always uncertain whether these appeals can be resolved, and resolving them can take time, perhaps more than a year. Please be patient.

F. What if I do not want to receive a Settlement payment or be bound by the terms of the Settlement?

If you do not wish to receive a Settlement payment, you have two options. 1) You have the option of “doing nothing,” i.e., filing neither a Consent to Join Settlement and Claim Form nor an Opt-Out Statement. However, if you do not file an Opt-Out Statement pursuant to the procedures above, then you will still be bound by the Settlement and will be deemed to have entered into the Release described below. 2) You also have the option of submitting an Opt-Out Statement as described below in Section V.C. If you timely submit a valid Opt-Out Statement, you will not be bound by the Settlement, and you will not receive a Settlement payment. However, if you submit a Claim Form as well as an Opt-Out Statement, then the Claim Form will be invalid and you will be excluded from the Settlement and will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement.

G. What if I do not submit an Opt-Out Statement but also do not submit a Claim Form?

If you do nothing, your FLSA rights will not be affected by the Settlement but you will still be bound by the terms of the Settlement with respect to your state and non-FLSA federal law claims even though you will not receive a Settlement payment.

H. Claims Administrator.

The Court has appointed CPT Group to act as an independent claims administrator and to resolve any dispute concerning a Rule 23 Class Member’s eligibility to participate in the Settlement and his or her share of the Settlement.

I. Release of Claims.

The Settlement includes a release by Rule 23 Class Members (other than those who file an Opt-Out Statement) of Schwab and its former and present parents, subsidiaries, and affiliated

entities and their officers, directors, employees, partners, registered representatives, shareholders and agents, and any other successors, assigns, or legal representatives (“Eligible Claimants’ Released Parties”), from any and all applicable state and non-FLSA federal law wage-and-hour claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, arising from the commencement of the applicable statute of limitations period for the jurisdiction in which the Rule 23 Class Member was employed by Schwab, as set forth in part in the attached Exhibit A, to the date on which the Court’s final approval of the Settlement is no longer appealable (“Eligible Claimants’ State Claim and Non-FLSA Released Period”), including without limitation statutory, constitutional, contractual or common law claims for wages, damages, unpaid costs, penalties (including without limitation penalties under the California Labor Code’s Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, as amended in August 2004, and California Labor Code sections 2699, 2699.3, and 2699.5), liquidated damages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, litigation costs, restitution, or equitable relief, based on the following categories of allegations: (a) any and all claims for the failure to pay any type of overtime wages, (b) any and all claims for the failure to provide meal and/or rest periods; (c) any and all claims for failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; (d) any and all claims to pay final wages; and (e) any and all claims stemming from or based on the alleged misclassification of employees as exempt employees (collectively, “Eligible Claimants’ Released State and non-FLSA Federal Law Claims”). The Eligible Claimants’ Released State and non-FLSA Federal Law Claims include claims meeting the above definition under any and all applicable statutes, including without limitation those set forth in the specific state wage and hour laws set forth in attached Exhibit A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Settlement releases any claims that cannot be released as a matter of law.

The release of claims set forth in the preceding paragraph is intended as a complete release of the Eligible Claimants’ Released State and non-FLSA Federal Law Claims. In furtherance of this intention, Eligible Claimants expressly waive any rights or protections under any statute, legal doctrine, or any other authority that restricts the release of unknown claims,

including but not limited to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code (and any other similar state statute). Section 1542 states:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.”

In addition, those Eligible Claimants who submit valid and timely Claim Forms fully and finally release and discharge the Eligible Claimants’ Released Parties from any and all federal wage-and-hour claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action of every nature and description pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*, whether known or unknown, arising during the Eligible Claimants’ Federal Released Period (“Eligible Claimants’ Released Federal Law Claims”).

The release of claims set forth in the preceding paragraph is intended as a complete release of the Eligible Claimants’ Released Federal Law Claims. In furtherance of this intention, Rule 23 Class Members expressly waive any rights or protections under any statute, legal doctrine, or any other authority that restricts the release of unknown claims, including but not limited to Section 1542 of the California Civil Code (and any other similar state statute). Section 1542 states:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH THE CREDITOR DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN HIS OR HER FAVOR AT THE TIME OF EXECUTING THE RELEASE, WHICH IF KNOWN BY HIM OR HER MUST HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED HIS OR HER SETTLEMENT WITH THE DEBTOR.”

Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in the Settlement releases any claims that cannot be released as a matter of law.

J. Attorneys’ Fees, Litigation Expenses, and Class Representative Payments

Class Counsel will seek approval from the Court for payment of attorneys’ fees in the amount of up to one-third of the total Settlement Sum, or \$1,266,666.67, and costs and litigation expenses in the amount of up to \$30,000.00. Class Counsel believe the requested amount for

attorneys' fees and costs is fair and reasonable. Schwab will not oppose their request for that amount. In addition, Class Counsel will ask the Court to award each of the Plaintiffs up to \$7,500.00 in exchange for a general release and for the time they spent and the risk they took in bringing the Action. If approved by the Court, these sums will be deducted from the Settlement Sum under the Settlement.

K. Other Deductions from the Settlement Sum

Class Counsel also will seek approval from the Court for: (1) the costs of administering the Settlement, estimated at this time to be approximately \$16,000.00; (2) the sum of \$10,000.00, seventy-five percent (75%) of which will be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, pursuant to California Labor Code § 2698, *et seq.* These payments will be deducted from the Settlement Sum under the Settlement.

III. PLAINTIFFS AND CLASS COUNSEL SUPPORT THE SETTLEMENT

Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and Class Counsel support this Settlement. Their reasons include the inherent risk of denial of class certification, the risk of a trial on the merits, the risk of loss, and the inherent delays and uncertainties associated with litigation. Based on their experience litigating similar cases, Class Counsel believe that further proceedings in this case, including a trial and probable appeals, would be very expensive and protracted. No one can confidently predict how the various legal questions at issue, including the amount of damages, would ultimately be resolved. Therefore, upon careful consideration of all of the facts and circumstances of this case, Plaintiffs and Class Counsel believe that the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.

IV. WHAT ARE YOUR RIGHTS AS A RULE 23 CLASS MEMBER?

You are a part of the Rule 23 Class unless you elect to exclude yourself by timely filing an Opt-Out Statement, and you will be bound by certain terms of the Settlement and any final judgment that may be entered by the Court. Although your decision to do nothing will not impair any claims under the FLSA, you may be deemed to have released your state law and non-FLSA federal claims against Schwab and the other released parties as described above. As a

member of the Rule 23 Class, you will not be responsible for the payment of attorneys' fees or reimbursement of litigation expenses unless you retain your own counsel, in which event you will be responsible for your own attorneys' fees and costs. Your participation in the Settlement will have no effect on your employment.

A. Claiming Your Share of the Settlement.

To receive your share of the Settlement, you must return a properly completed and signed Claim Form by mail, email, or facsimile on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 to:

Schwab Claims Administrator  
c/o CPT Group  
[Address]  
Toll Free #: [XXX]  
Fax #: [XXX]  
Email: [XXX]

If you mail your Claim Form by U.S. Mail, it must be postmarked on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. A Rule 23 Class Member who does not mail a Claim Form in the manner and by the deadlines specified above will not receive a share of the Settlement.

B. Objecting to the Settlement.

If you disapprove of the terms of the Settlement, you may object to the Settlement. Any objection to the Settlement must be in writing and include the words "I object to the Schwab settlement," and must explain, in clear and concise terms, the basis for your objection. In addition, in order to be considered, your objection must be mailed via first class mail with a postmark on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 to each of the following:

Office of the Clerk  
United States District Court,  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007-1312

Justin M. Swartz  
Outten & Golden LLP  
3 Park Avenue, 29th Floor  
New York, New York 10016

Diana Tabacopoulos  
Seyfarth Shaw LLP

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Los Angeles, CA 90067-3021

Your objection must include your full name, address, dates of your employment at Schwab, and signature, and must reference this case, *Aboud v. Schwab, Inc.*, Case No. 14 Civ. 2712 (PAC) (FM). In addition, your objection must indicate whether you intend to appear at the final approval hearing scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 at \_\_\_\_\_. It is not necessary, however, for you to appear at this hearing to make an objection.

Any Rule 23 Class Member who does not object to the Settlement in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objections and will be foreclosed from making any objection (whether by appeal or otherwise) to the Settlement. If the Court rejects your objection, you will still be bound by the terms of the Settlement with respect to your state and non-FLSA federal law claims unless you have also submitted an Opt-Out Statement in the manner described in this notice. If the Court rejects your objection, you will still be bound by the terms of the settlement, with respect to your FLSA claims if you have submitted a valid and timely Claim Form.

Once the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, those Rule 23 Class Members who appeal any objection denied by the Court may be required to post a bond in connection with such appeal. The amount of the bond will be determined by the Court.

C. Excluding Yourself from the Settlement.

If you wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement, you must submit an Opt-Out Statement in the form of a letter by mail that includes the words, "I opt out of the Schwab overtime settlement." You must include your name, job title, address, telephone number, and signature. Your Opt-Out Statement must be postmarked on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 and must be returned to:

Schwab Claims Administrator  
c/o CPT Group  
[Address]  
Toll Free #: [XXXX]

If the Opt-Out Statement is sent from within the United States it must be sent through the United States Postal Service via registered or certified mail, with return receipt requested. A Class Member who fails to mail an Opt-Out Statement in the manner and by the deadline specified above will be bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement with respect to their state and non-FLSA federal law claims if the Settlement is approved by the Court, and the Judgment, regardless of whether he or she has objected to the Settlement.

Any person who files a complete and timely Opt-Out Statement will, upon receipt of same by the Claims Administrator, no longer be a member of the Rule 23 Class and will receive no benefits from the Settlement. Any such person, at his or her own expense, may pursue any claims he or she may have against Schwab. If you wish to exclude yourself in order to file an individual lawsuit against Schwab, you should speak to a lawyer as soon as possible because your claims are subject to a statute of limitations, which means that they will expire on a certain date. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you may not object to it. If you timely submit a Consent to Join Settlement and Claim Form and an Opt Out Statement, then the Claim Form will be invalid and you will not be included in the Rule 23 Class and will not be bound by the terms of the Settlement.

If you do not exclude yourself, you give up any rights to sue Schwab for the same state and federal non-FLSA claims in this case. If you have a pending lawsuit, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately to see if this settlement will affect your other case.

#### V. FINAL SETTLEMENT APPROVAL HEARING

The Court will hold a final approval hearing in Courtroom \_\_, of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007-1312, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 at \_\_\_\_\_, to determine whether the Settlement should be finally approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will also be asked to approve Class Counsel's request for costs and attorneys' fees and the special payment made to Plaintiffs as the Class Representatives. The hearing may be postponed without further notice to the Rule 23 Class.

You do not have to come to the hearing. Class Counsel will answer questions the Court may have. But, you are welcome to come at your own expense.

VI. OBTAINING MORE INFORMATION

The above is a summary of the basic terms of the Settlement. For the precise terms and conditions of the Settlement, you are referred to the Settlement Agreement which will be on file with the Clerk of the Court. You may also obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement by sending a request, in writing, to the Schwab Claims Administrator. The pleadings and other records in this litigation, including the Settlement Agreement, may be examined at any time during regular business hours in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007-1312. If you have other questions about the settlement, you may contact Class Counsel or the Claims Administrator.

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PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING  
THIS SETTLEMENT OR THE CLAIM PROCESS.

**EXHIBIT A****ELIGIBLE CLAIMANTS' RELEASED PERIODS BY STATE**

<b>Released Period</b>	<b>State</b>
2 years going back to January 4, 2011	Alabama Arizona Colorado Connecticut Georgia Indiana Iowa Missouri New Mexico Pennsylvania Virginia

3 years going back to January 4, 2010	Alaska Arkansas Delaware District of Columbia Idaho Kansas Louisiana Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Nevada Hawaii New Hampshire North Carolina Oklahoma Puerto Rico Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Washington West Virginia
4 years going back to January 4, 2009	California Florida Nebraska Texas Utah
5 years going back to January 4, 2008	Illinois Kentucky
6 years going back to January 4, 2007	Maine New Jersey New York Ohio Oregon Vermont Wisconsin

State	Statutory Claims Released
Alabama	Code of Alabama, tit. 25, § 25-3-4

Alaska	Alaska Wage & Hour Act: Alaska Stat. §§ 23.10.050 - 23.10.150  Alaska Admin. Code, tit. 8, §§ 15.010 – 15.910, 25.010 – 25.310
Arizona	General Wages Statute: Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§ 23-350 – 23-362
Arkansas	Minimum Wage Act of Arkansas: Ark. Code Ann. § 11-4-201 <i>et seq.</i>  Admin Regs. of the Labor Standards Div. of the Arkansas DOL § 010.14 <i>et seq.</i>
Colorado	Wage Claim Act: Colo. Rev. Stat. §§ 8-4-101 <i>et seq.</i>  Minimum Wage Order Nos. 22 and 23, 7 Colo. Code. Regs § 1103-1
Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 31-13a, 31-51ii, § 31-60, <i>et seq.</i>  Conn. Agencies Regs. §§ 31-60-11, 31-60-14, 31-60-15, 30-16-16
Delaware	Wage Payment & Collection Act: Del. Code Ann., tit. 19, §§ 707, 1101-1115.
District of Columbia	Wage Payment & Wage Collection Law: D.C. Code § 32-1301 <i>et seq.</i>  Minimum Wage Act: D.C. Code § 32-1001, <i>et seq.</i>  Wage Hour Rules: D.C. Mun. Reg., tit. 7, §§ 911, 914
Florida	Fla. Stat., tit. 31, §§ 448.1, 448.08, 448.110
Georgia	Ga. Code Ann. §§ 9-3-22, 34-4-5
Hawaii	Haw. Rev. Stat. §§ 387-1 <i>et seq.</i> , 388-1 <i>et seq.</i>  Haw. Admin. Rules, tit. 12, § 20-1 <i>et seq.</i>
Idaho	Wage Payment Act: Idaho Code Ann. § 45-601 <i>et seq.</i>

Illinois	<p>Wage Payment &amp; Collection Act: 820 ILCS 115/1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Minimum Wage Law: 820 ILCS 105/1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Eight Hour Work Day Act: 820 ILCS 145/0.01 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>One Day Rest In Seven Act: 820 ILCS 140/1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Admin. Code, tit. 56, Ch. 1, Subchapter b, § 210 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Indiana	<p>Minimum Wage Law of 1965: Ind. Code § 22-2-2-1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Ind. Code. §§ 22-2-5-0.5 <i>et seq.</i>, 22-2-9-1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Admin. Code: 610 IAC 6-1-1 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Iowa	<p>Wage Payment Collection Act: Iowa Code Chapter 91A</p> <p>Admin. Code: 875-35.1 (91A)</p>
Kansas	<p>Wage Payment Statute: Kan. Stat. Ann. §§ 44-312 – 44-327</p> <p>Minimum Wage &amp; Maximum Hours Laws: Kan. Stat. Ann. §§ 44-1201 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Admin. Regs. §§ 49-16-1 <i>et seq.</i>, 49-21-1 <i>et seq.</i>, 49-30-1 <i>et seq.</i>, 49-31-1 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Kentucky	<p>Ky. Rev. Stat. § 337.00 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Ky. Admin. Regs.: 803 KAR 1:005 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Louisiana	<p>La. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 23.10 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Maine	<p>Me. Rev. Stat., tit. 26, Ch. 7, §§ 601-626, 663-671</p> <p>Me. Admin. Rules: 12-170, Chapters 9 and 16</p>
Maryland	<p>Md. Code Ann.: §§ 3-401 <i>et seq.</i>, 3-501 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Code of Md.: Tit. 9, Subtitle 12, Chapter 41</p>

Massachusetts	<p>Mass. Gen. Laws., tit. 21, Ch. 149, §§ 100-101, 148-150</p> <p>Minimum Fair Wage Law, Mass. Gen. Laws, Ch. 151, tit. 21, Ch. 151, §§ 1A, 1B, 7, 14-20A</p> <p>Code Mass. Regs.: 455 CMR 2.00 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Michigan	<p>Minimum Wage Law of 1964: Mich. Comp. Laws. Ann. §§ 408.381 – 408.398</p> <p>Wages and Fringe Benefits Act: Mich. Comp. Laws. Ann. §§ 408.471 – 408.512</p>
Minnesota	<p>Minn. Stat. Ann., Ch. 177, § 177.22 <i>et. seq.</i>, Ch. 181, § 181.032 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Minn. Admin. Rules, Ch. 5200, § 5200.0060 <i>et seq.</i></p>
Mississippi	None
Missouri	Mo. Rev. Stat., tit. 18, Ch. 290, §§ 290.010 <i>et seq.</i>
Nebraska	Neb. Wage Payment & Collection Act.: Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-1228 <i>et seq.</i>
Nevada	<p>Nev. Rev. Stat., Ch. 608, §§ 608.016, 608.018 – 608.080, 608.115, 608.140, 608.180</p> <p>Nev. Admin Code., Ch. 608, §§ 608.115 – 608.155</p>
New Hampshire	<p>N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann., tit. 23, Ch. 275, §§ 275.30 <i>et seq.</i>, Ch. 29, §§ 279.27 <i>et. seq.</i></p> <p>N.H. Code Admin. R. Ann. Lab., Ch. Lab. 800, Part Lab. 803, Lab. 803.01 <i>et seq.</i></p>
New Jersey	<p>Wage &amp; Hour Law, N.J. Stat. Ann. § 34:11-56a <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>Wage Payment Law, N.J. Stat. Ann. § 34:11-4.1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>N.J. Admin. Code. 12:55 <i>et seq.</i>, 12:56 <i>et seq.</i>, 12:61 <i>et seq.</i></p>
New Mexico	<p>N.M. Stat. Ann., Ch. 50, Art. 4, § 50-4-1 <i>et seq.</i></p> <p>N.M. Admin. Code, tit. 11, Ch. 1, Part 4</p>

New York	N.Y. Labor Law, Art. 5, tit. 1, § 162; Art. 6, § 190 <i>et seq.</i>  12 N.Y.C.R.R. § 142-2.2
North Carolina	Wage & Hour Act: N.C. Gen. Stat., Ch. 95, Art. 2A, § 95.25.1 <i>et seq.</i>  N.C. Admin. Code, tit. 13, Ch. 12, § 12.0101 <i>et seq.</i>
Ohio	Ohio Rev. Code, tit. 41, §§ 4111.03, 4113.15, 4113.99
Oklahoma	Okla. Payday Act: Okla. Stat., tit. 40, § 165.1 <i>et seq.</i>  Okla. Admin Code §§ 380:30-1-7, 380:30-1-8, 380:30-1-14, 380:30-3-1, 380:30-3-2
Oregon	Or. Rev. Stat., Ch. 653, § 653.010 <i>et seq.</i> , Ch 652, § 652.110 <i>et seq.</i>  Or. Admin. Rules, Chapter 839
Pennsylvania	Minimum Wage Act of 1968: 43 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 333.01 <i>et seq.</i>  Wage Payment and Collection Law: 43 Pa. Stat. Ann. § 260.1 <i>et seq.</i>  Pa. Code of Regs., tit. 34, Ch. 231, §§ 231.41 – 231.43
Rhode Island	R.I. Gen. Laws, tit. 28, Ch. 28-3, §§ 28-3-14, 28-3-15, Ch. 28-12, § 28-12-1 <i>et seq.</i> , Ch. 28-14, § 28-14-1 <i>et seq.</i>
South Carolina	S.C. Payment of Wages Law: Code of Laws 41-10-10 <i>et seq.</i>
Tennessee	Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-2-101 <i>et seq.</i>
Texas	Tex. Payday Act: Tex. Lab. Code Ann., Ch. 61, § 61.001 <i>et seq.</i>  Tex. Minimum Wage Act, Ch. 62, § 62.001 <i>et seq.</i>
Utah	Utah Code Ann., tit. 34, Chapters 27-28  Utah Labor Rules, R610
Vermont	Vt. Stat. Ann., tit. 21, Chapter 5, § 303 <i>et seq.</i>

Virginia	Va. Ann. Code, tit. 40.1, Ch. 3, §§ 40.1-28.11, 40.1-29
Washington	Minimum Wage Act: RCW § 49.46 <i>et seq.</i>  Rev. Code Wash.: §§ 49.12, <i>et seq.</i> , 49.48 <i>et seq.</i>  Wash. Admin. Code: 296-126 <i>et seq.</i> ; 296-128 <i>et seq.</i>
West Virginia	West. Virginia Code: §§ 21-3-10A, 21-5-3, 21-5-4, 21-5-6, 21-5-9 – 21-5-13, 21-5C <i>et seq.</i>  Code of State Rules: 42 CSR 5, 42 CSR 8
Wisconsin	Wis. Admin. Code Chapters DWD 272.01 <i>et seq.</i> , 274.01 <i>et seq.</i>  Wis. Stat.: Chapters 103.01 <i>et seq.</i> , 104.01 <i>et seq.</i> , 109.01 <i>et seq.</i>

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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DANA ABOUD, ALBERT SCHWEIZER,	:	
WILLIAM HICKS and MICHAEL	:	Case No. 14 Civ. 2712
POROWSKI,	:	
	:	<b>CONSENT TO JOIN SETTLEMENT</b>
Plaintiffs,	:	<b>AND CLAIM FORM</b>
	:	
vs.	:	
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CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.,	:	
	:	
Defendant.	:	
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**NOTE:** Please read the enclosed Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement, and Hearing Date (“Notice”) before completing this Consent to Join Settlement and Claim Form (“Claim Form”). This Claim Form is being sent to you by the Court-appointed settlement administrator, CPT Group.

**YOUR SETTLEMENT SHARE:** Your estimated settlement share is \$\_\_\_\_\_. If you properly submit this Claim Form by the deadline, and the Court approves the settlement, you should receive approximately this amount, minus applicable taxes.

**DEADLINE:** To receive any money from this settlement, you must properly complete a Claim Form and submit it to CPT Group **POSTMARKED (or faxed or emailed) by \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.**

Schwab Claims Administrator  
CPT Group  
Address  
City, State Zip  
Tel: XXX Fax: XXX  
Email: XXX

**1. Your Contact Information**

Please review, correct, and complete your contact information. The address that you list is where we will send your settlement check.

☐ The following address is correct.

<<Address>>  
<<City>>, <<State>> << Zip>>

☐ My address has changed. My current address is:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The following additional information will help us reach you if we have questions or difficulty sending you your settlement check:

Telephone number (cell): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

It is your responsibility to keep a current address, telephone number, and email address on file with the settlement administrator.

**2. Your Estimated Settlement Share, Dates of Employment, and Work Location**

Schwab records indicate that you were employed in a Covered Position as a \_\_\_\_\_ [in California] from approximately \_\_ to \_\_\_\_ and that your number of Compensable Work Weeks is \_\_\_\_.

Based on these Compensable Work Weeks, your estimated settlement share is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Your actual settlement share may end up being higher or lower than estimated.

Please check only one:

- ☐ I agree with Schwab's records that I worked a total of <<\_\_\_\_>> full or partial weeks as a <<\_\_\_\_>> during the applicable time period(s) for the state(s) and/or territories in which I was employed.
- ☐ I disagree with Schwab's records and instead contend that I worked a total of \_\_\_\_\_ full or partial weeks as and during the applicable time period(s) for the state(s) and/or territories in which I was employed.

If you disagree with the calculations indicated above, you must attach documentation that supports your belief as to the term of your employment. Failure to provide this information and satisfactory supporting documentation will result in any claim you submit being based solely on Schwab's records as set forth above.

**3. Release of Claims**

(1) RELEASE OF CLAIMS

(a) Released State and non-FLSA Federal Law Claims by Eligible Claimants. The Rule 23 Class Members (other than those who file Opt-Out Statements) and Collective Members who submit valid and timely Consent to Join Settlement and Claim Forms hereby fully and finally release and discharge Charles Schwab & Co., Inc. and all of its respective former and present parents, subsidiaries, and affiliated entities and their officers, directors, employees, partners, registered representatives, insurers, shareholders, and agents, and any other successors,

assigns, or legal representatives (“Schwab”) from any and all applicable state and non-FLSA federal law wage-and-hour claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, arising during the period from the commencement of the applicable statute of limitations period set forth in Exhibit A to the Notice through the date on which the Court’s final approval of the Settlement is no longer appealable, including without limitation, statutory, constitutional, contractual or common law claims for wages, damages, unpaid costs, penalties (including without limitation, penalties under the California Labor Code’s Private Attorneys General Act of 2004, as amended in August 2004, California Labor Code sections 2699, 2699.3, and 2699.5), liquidated damages, punitive damages, interest, attorneys’ fees, litigation costs, restitution, or equitable relief, based on the following categories of allegations: (a) any and all claims for the failure to pay any type of overtime wages; (b) any and all claims for the failure to provide meal and/or rest periods; and (c) any and all claims for failure to provide accurate itemized wage statements; (d) any and all claims for failure to pay final wages; and (e) any and all claims stemming from or based on the alleged misclassification of employees as exempt employees (collectively, “Eligible Claimants’ Released State and non-FLSA Federal Law Claims”). The Eligible Claimants’ Released State and non-FLSA Federal Law Claims include claims meeting the above definition under any and all applicable statutes, including without limitation those set forth in the compendium of state specific wage and hour laws set forth in attached Exhibit A to the Notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Settlement releases any claims that cannot be released as a matter of law.

(b) Released Federal Law Claims by Eligible Claimants. In addition, the Eligible Claimants who submit valid and timely Consent to Join Settlement and Claim Forms fully and finally release and discharge Schwab from any and all federal wage-and-hour claims, rights, demands, liabilities and causes of action of every nature and description pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201, *et seq.*, whether known or unknown, arising during the period from January 4, 2010 to the date on which the final approval of the Settlement is no longer appealable (“Eligible Claimants’ Released Federal Law Claims”). Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Settlement releases any claims that cannot be released as a matter of law.

(c) Waiver of Unknown Claims. Each Eligible Claimant shall be deemed to have waived all rights and benefits afforded by Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California, and/or any comparable law(s) of any other state. Section 1542 provides: “A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.” The Eligible Claimants shall be deemed by operation of the Final Judgment to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement of which this release is a part.

(d) No effect on benefits. I understand that Schwab will not use the settlement payment to calculate any additional benefits including vacations, holiday pay, bonus pay or other compensation of any kind or employee welfare or retirement plan benefits, including all nonqualified and equity compensation plans, and that this settlement payment will not represent any modification of my previously credited hours of eligibility or vesting service, compensation, or other eligibility or benefit determination criteria under any employee retirement or welfare

benefit plan sponsored by Schwab, including all nonqualified and equity compensation plans. I understand that Schwab will not consider the settlement payment compensation for purposes of determining eligibility for or benefits under employee retirement or welfare benefit plans, including all nonqualified and equity compensation plans, or other plan sponsored by Schwab or its predecessor, subsidiaries, parent companies or successors.

**4. Signature and Consent to Joint Settlement**

I have received the Notice and understand that, by signing this form, I consent to join the Aboud v. Schwab action pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b), and agree to be bound by the settlement negotiated by Class Counsel in this case.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(City) (State)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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[Printed name to be inserted prior to mailing]

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[Barcode with Claimant Data]

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